GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3234
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UTILISATION OF TUNGABHADRA WATER BY KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Karnataka has been utilising Tungabhadra water beyond the agreement between Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to intervene into the matter and direct the Government of Karnataka to adhere to the agreements to avoid any possible dispute between the two States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal (KWDT) in its final order of 1976 has directed that the water available for utilisation in Tungabhadra Dam in a year, be used by the States of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, so that the demands of water for the projects to the extent mentioned in clause IX E(1) (a) of the Order be met. From 1976-77 to 2001-2002 both Karnatka and Andhra Pradesh have utilised water as per the award. The States have marginally exceeded their share on equal occasion in the past 26 years.

(c) & (d) The Central Government has published the decision of the KWDT in the official Gazette on 31.5.1976 under section 6 of Inter State Water Disputes Act 1956 and as per the said Act decision of KWDT is to be given effect to by the party States. Further for regulation of supplies of water and power, Tungabhadra Board consisting of Chairman appointed by Government of India and three Members representing Government of India, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka has been constituted.